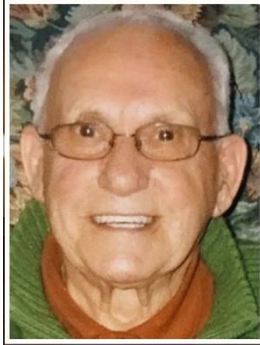


Charles R. Wilson Jr.



Charles (Charlie) R. Wilson Jr, 88 of Newport, RI, died peacefully at Village House Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center on Monday, October 30, 2017. Born on May 1, 1929 in Newport, he was the son of the late Charles Wilson and Cora (Siruchel) Wilson. Charlie was married to the late Dorothy (Dot) Wilson for 59 years until her death in 2012. Charlie and Dot were married at St Augustin's Church in Newport in 1953.

Charlie attended Newport Schools until enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves, training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. When discharged he practiced carpentry and roofing, working on several Newport Mansions and even for the famous Iwo Jima Sculptor, Felix de Weldon. Charlie was then drafted into the U.S Army during the Korean War conflict where he was a troop transport truck driver.

Charlie worked Civil Service as a Carpenters Foreman on the Newport Naval Base for 30 years until his retirement in 1991. He then worked summers for the Newport Yachting Center for 5 years, running the JT's ship chandlery parking lot.

He was a communicant of St Joseph's Church in Newport where he and Dot volunteered their time for the St Vincent de Paul Society, soup kitchen and collecting weekly offerings at services. Charlie was also a lifetime member of the Newport Ancient Order of Hibernians, an organization he loved dearly. Charlie was also a member of the American Legion and the U.S. Marine Corp League. In 2006, he received the RI Marine Corp member of the year award for his volunteer efforts with local veterans. Charlie also volunteered as a Scout Master for Troop 3 Newport of The Boy Scouts of America for 3 years.

He was an avid Red Sox, Celtics and Patriots fan. He enjoyed camping and spent a good deal of his retirement traveling with his beloved Dot. They spent their winters in Fort Myers Florida.

Charlie is survived by his two children, daughter Nancy (Wilson) Oakley and her husband Stephen Oakley of Portsmouth, RI, and son Robert Wilson and his wife Cheryl Wilson of North Kingstown, RI. He also leaves 4 grandchildren: Rachel (Oakley) Blomstedt, Stephen Oakley Jr, Zachary Wilson and Zoe Wilson along with

one great granddaughter Cora Blomstedt. He was the brother of the late George Wilson of Nevada and Margaret Stovall of Illinois.

Visiting hours were at O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, 465 Spring Street, Newport on Thursday, November 2, 2017 from 4-7pm. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Friday, November 3, 2017 at 10 am at St Joseph's Church, 4 Mann Avenue, Newport. Burial followed at St. Columba Cemetery, Browns Lane, Middletown.

Memorial Donations can be made to Village House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 70 Harrison Avenue, Newport, RI or St Joseph's Church, 5 Mann Avenue, Newport, RI 02840.